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2.	×							's unreserved fund balances/unres dget for expenditures.	tricted net assets		
3.	×		The local	unit is in o	compliance wi	th the Unifo	orm Chart of Acc	counts issued by the Department of	Treasury.		
4.	×		The local	unit has a	dopted a bud	get for all re	equired funds.				
5.	×		A public h	nearing on	the budget w	as held in a	ccordance with	State statute.			
6.	×						Finance Act, an and Finance Div	order issued under the Emergency	/ Municipal Loan Act, or		
7.	×		The local	unit has n	ot been delin	quent in dis	tributing tax reve	enues that were collected for anoth	er taxing unit.		
8.	×		The local	unit only h	nolds deposits	s/investmen	ts that comply w	vith statutory requirements.			
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We have enclosed the following:	Enclosed	Not Require	Not Required (enter a brief justification)				
Financial Statements	X						
The letter of Comments and Recommendations	$\times$						
Other (Describe)							
Certified Public Accountant (Firm Name)			Telephone Number				
Harris Group, CPAs			231-946-8930				
Street Address			City	State	Zip		
1107 E. 8TH STREET	Traverse City		MI	49686			
Authorizing CPA Signature	Pri	Printed Name			License Number		
	Ronald G Harris, CPA			1101024798			

#### TOWNSHIP OF BLAINE BENZIE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

## REPORT ON BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REQUIED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2006

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#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

Members of the Township Board Blaine Township Benzie County, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Township of Blaine, as of and for the year ended March 31, 2006, which collectively comprise the Townships' basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Township of Blaine's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audit and the report of other auditors, provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Township of Blaine, as of March 31, 2006, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As described in Note 1, the Township of Blaine has implemented a new financial reporting model, as required by the provisions of GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*, as of March 31, 2006. The Township of Blaine has not presented the Managements Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States has determined is necessary to supplement, although not a required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

The required budgetary comparison information identified in the table of contents, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally if inquires of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Township of Blaine's basic financial statements. The supplementary data section is presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The supplementary data section has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Certified Public Accountants August 28, 2006

#### TOWNSHIP OF BLAINE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AND GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2006

Governmental Fund Types Cemetery Total Statement Of Perpetual Non-Major Governmental Care Fund Funds Funds Adjustments Net Assets General **ASSETS** Cash 120,572 2,481 \$ 3,634 \$ 126,687 \$ \$ 126,687 Certificate of deposits/Investments 20,160 33,770 53,930 53.930 Taxes receivable 1,598 1,598 1,598 Due from other funds 7,030 7,030 7.030 Due from state 5,583 5,583 5,583 Capital Assets: Land and land improvements 51,469 51,469 Buildings and other equipment, net of accumulated depreciation 63,725 63,725 TOTAL ASSETS 154,943 36,251 \$ 3,634 \$ 194,828 115,194 \$ 310,022 LIABILITIES: Due to other governmental units 3,826 3,826 3,826 FUND BALANCE/NET ASSETS Fund balances: 36,251 36,251 (36,251)Reserved for perpetual care fund Undesignated 3,634 151,117 154,751 (154,751)TOTAL FUND BALANCE 151,117 3,634 191,002 (191,002)36,251 TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY \$ 194,828 154,943 \$ 36,251 \$ 3,634 **NET ASSETS Invested in Capital Assets** 115,194 115,194 Reserved for perpetual care - nonexpendable 36,251 36,251 Unrestricted 154,751 154,751 TOTAL NET ASSETS 306,196 306,196 \$ 115,194 310,022

# TOWNSHIP OF BLAINE RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET WITH THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2006

Total governmental fund balance	\$	191,002
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial		
resources and therefore are not reported in the funds		115,194
Net Assets of Governmental Activities	_ \$	306,196

#### TOWNSHIP OF BLAINE

# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2006

	Governmental Fund Types								
	General		Cemetery Perpetual Non-Major Care Fund Funds		Total Governmental Funds		Adjustments	Statement of Activities	
REVENUES:									
Property taxes	\$	21,372		\$	\$	21,372		\$	21,372
State revenue sharing		35,186				35,186			35,186
Charges for services:									
Property tax administration		10,844				10,844			10,844
Other charges		950				950			950
Interest		4,005	664	42		4,711			4,711
Rents		3,160				3,160			3,160
Miscellaneous		299	2,700			2,999			2,999
TOTAL REVENUES		75,816	3,364	42		79,222			79,222
EXPENDITURES:									
Legislative:									
Township Board		6,131				6,131			6,131
General government:									
Supervisor		4,034				4,034			4,034
Elections		861				861			861
Assessor		8,124				8,124			8,124
Attorney fees									
Clerk		6,111				6,111			6,111
Board of Review		800				800			800
Treasurer		8,071				8,071			8,071
Building and grounds		4,049				4,049			4,049
Cemetery		9,106				9,106	(2,977)		6,129
Depreciation							2,816		2,816
Public safety:									
Fire protection		32,806				32,806			32,806

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	General	Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	Non-Major Funds	Total Governmental Funds	Adjustments	Statement of Activities		
EXPENDITURES (Continued):								
Public works:								
Highways and streets	236			236		236		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	80,329			80,329	(161)	80,168		
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(4,513)	3,364	42	(1,107)	161	(946)		
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):								
Operating transfers in	707			707		707		
Operating transfers (out)		(665)	(42)	(707)		(707)		
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING								
SOURCES (USES)	707	(665)	(42)					
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER								
SOURCES OVER (UNDER)								
EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(3,806)	2,699		(1,107)	1,107			
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS					(946)	(946)		
FUND BALANCE/NET ASSETS, beginning of year	154,923	33,552	3,634	192,109	115,033	307,142		
FUND BALANCE/NET ASSETS, end of year	\$ 151,117	\$ 36,251	\$ 3,634	\$ 191,002	\$ 115,194	\$ 306,196		

Governmental Fund Types

#### TOWNSHIP OF BLAINE

# RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUND TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2006

Net change in fund balance	\$ (1,107)
Amounts reported for governmental activities are different because:	
Governmental fund reports capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of these assets are depreciated over their estimated useful lives.	
Expenditures of capital assets	2,977
Current year depreciation	 (2,816)
Net Assets of Governmental Activities	\$ (946)

#### TOWNSHIP OF BLAINE STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS FIDUCIARY FUNDS MARCH 31, 2006

	Agency Fund	_
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash	\$ 7,030	)
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 7,030	)
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Due to other funds	\$ 7,030	)
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 7,030	)

#### NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the Township of Blaine (Township), Benzie County, Michigan, conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applicable to government units. The following is a summary of summary of significant accounting policies by the Township.

In June 1999, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) unanimously approved Statement No. 34, *Basis Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments.* For the first time the financial statements include:

- A Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section providing an analysis of the Township's overall financial position and results of operations. (Not included by the Township)
- Financial statements prepared using full accrual accounting for all of the Township's activities, including infrastructure (roads, sidewalks, etc.)
- A change in the fund financial statements to focus on the major funds.

These and other changes are reflected in the accompanying financial statements (including notes to financial statements). The Township has elected to implement the provision of Statement No. 34 in the current year.

#### Government-wide and fund financial statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. For the most part, the effect of the interfund activity has been removed from these statements. *Governmental activities*, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from *business-type activities*, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. Likewise, the *primary government* is reported separately from certain legally separate *component units* for which the primary government is financially accountable.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from the goods, services or privileges provided by a given function and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds and major enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

#### NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – continued

#### Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement* focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provided have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources* measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences are recorded only when a payment is due.

Property taxes, franchise taxes, licenses, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

The government reports the following major governmental funds:

The *general fund* is the government's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the Township, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The *cemetery perpetual care fund, a permanent fund,* is used to account for specific governmental revenues requiring separate accounting because of legal or regulatory provisions or administrative action.

#### Additionally, the government reports the following fund types:

The *nonexpendable trust fund* is accounted for utilizing the accrual method of accounting. Nonexpendable trust funds account for assets for which the principal may not be spent. The Cemetery Perpetual Care fund is a nonexpendable trust fund.

The agency fund is custodial in nature and does not present the results of operations or have a measurement focus. Agency funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. This fund is used to account for assets that the Township holds for others in an agency capacity.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in both the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Governments also have the *option* of following subsequent private-sector guidance for their business-type activities and enterprise funds, subject to the same limitation. The government has not elected to follow subsequent private-sector guidance.

As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

#### NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – continued

Amounts reported as *program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions. Internally dedicated resources are reported as *general revenues* rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

#### Cash and investments

The Township reports its investments in accordance with GASB Statements No. 31, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools. Under these standards, certain investments are valued at fair value as determined by quoted market prices, or by estimated fair values when quoted market prices are not available. The standards also provide that certain investments are valued at cost (or amortized cost) when they are of a short-term duration, the rate of return is fixed, such as certificates of deposit, and the district intends to hold the investment until maturity.

State statutes authorize the Township to invest in bonds and other direct and certain indirect obligations of the U.S. Treasury; certificates of deposit, savings accounts, deposit accounts, or depository receipts of a bank, saving and loan association, or credit union, which is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, or Nation Credit Union Administration, respectively; in commercial paper rated at the time of purchase within the three highest classifications established by not less than two standard rating services and which mature not more than 270 days after the date of purchase. The Township is also authorized to invest in U.S. Government or federal agency obligation repurchase agreements, bankers' acceptances of U.S. banks, and mutual funds composed of investments as outlined above.

#### **Property Taxes**

Property taxes and other revenue that are both measurable and available for use to the finance operations are recorded as revenue when earned.

Properties are assessed as of December 31 and the related property taxes become a lien on December 1 of the following year. These taxes are due on February 14 with the final collection date of February 28 before they are added to the county tax rolls. The 2005 Township tax roll general millage rate was .7294 mills. The taxable value was \$32,497,287.

#### **Fixed Assets**

Capital assets purchased or acquired with an original cost of \$1,000 or more are reported at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Donated fixed assets are stated at their fair market value on the date donated. Additions, improvements and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred.

The accounting and financial reporting treatment of a fund is determined by its measurement focus. General capital assets are long-lived assets of the Township as a whole. Infrastructure such as streets, traffic signals and signs will be capitalized on a prospective basis. The valuation basis for the general capital assets are historical cost, or where historical cost is not available, estimated historical cost based on replacement costs.

#### NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – continued

#### **Budgets and Budgetary Accounting**

The following procedures are followed in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the basic financial statements:

- 1. Prior to the beginning of the fiscal year, the proposed budget for each budgetary fund is submitted to the Township Board for consideration.
- 2. The proposed budgets include expenditures as well as the methods of financing them.
- 3. Public hearings are held to obtain taxpayer comments.
- 4. The budgets are adopted by a majority vote of the Township Board.
- 5. The budgets are adopted on the modified accrual basis of accounting.
- 6. The originally adopted budgets can be amended during the year only by a majority vote of the Township Board.
- 7. The adopted budgets are used as a management control device during the year for all budgetary funds.
- 8. Budget appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
- 9. The budgeted amounts shown in these general purpose financial statements are the originally adopted budgets with all amendments that were approved by the Township Board during the fiscal year.

#### NOTE 2 – CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

Capital asset balances and activity for the year ended March 31, 2006 were as follows:

Primary Government	Balance 3/31/05	Increases	Decreases/ Transfers	Balance 3/31/06		
Governmental Activities: Capital assets, not being depreciated Land	\$ 46,480	\$	\$	\$ 46,480		
Total capital assets not being depreciated	46,480			46,480		
Capital assets, being depreciated Buildings Equipment Land Improvements	109,884 10,633 4,989	2,977		109,884 10,633 7,966		
Total capital assets being depreciated	125,506	2,977		128,483		
Less accumulated depreciation for: Buildings Equipment Land Improvements	46,071 10,633 249	2,417		48,488 10,633 648		
Total accumulated depreciation	56,953	2,816		59,769		
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	68,553	161		68,714		
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 115,033	\$ 161	\$	\$ 115,194		

#### **NOTE 3 – INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS**

The amounts of Interfund receivables and payables are as follows:

Fund		erfund eeivable	Fund	Interfund Payable						
General	\$	7,030	Current Tax Collection	\$	7,030					
The amounts of Interfund transfers are as follows:										
Fund	Tra	nsfer In	Fund	Transfer Out						
General	\$	707	Cemetery Development Fund Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$	42 665					
	\$	707		\$	707					

#### **NOTE 4 – POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

The Township provides no post employment benefits to past employees.

#### **NOTE 5 – RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors, omissions, and employee injuries (worker's compensation). The Township has purchased commercial insurance for property loss, torts, and worker's compensation claims. Settled claims relating to the commercial insurance have not exceed the amount of insurance coverage in any the past five fiscal years.

#### **NOTE 6 – DEPOSITS**

The Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 40 risk disclosure for deposits at year end are as follows:

At year-end, the carrying amount of the Township's deposits were \$133,717, including short-term certificate of deposits of \$101,960, and the bank balance was \$142,294 of which \$140,371 was covered by federal depository insurance and \$1,923 was uninsured and uncollateralized.

#### **Investments**

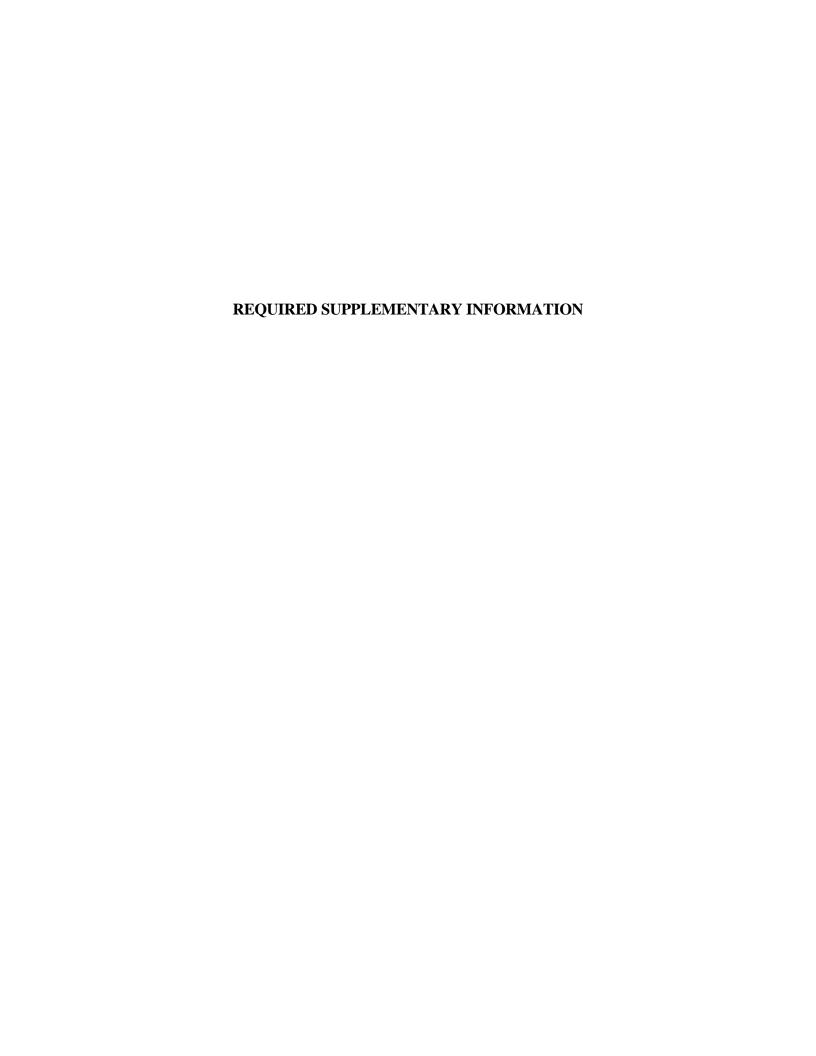
The Township had the following investments as of March 31, 2006:

Certificate of Deposit – Matures 7/25/07	\$ 23,500
Certificate of Deposit – matures 3/28/07	20,160
Mutual Funds	10,270
	\$ 53,930

Interest Rate Risk – The Township does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit Risk - State statutes authorize the township to invest in bonds and other direct and certain indirect obligations of the U.S. Treasury; certificates of deposit, savings accounts, deposit accounts, or depository receipts of a bank, saving and loan association, or credit union, which is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, or Nation Credit Union Administration, respectively; in commercial paper rated at the time of purchase within the three highest classifications established by not less than two standard rating services and which mature not more than 270 days after the date of purchase. The Township is also authorized to invest in U.S. Government or federal agency obligation repurchase agreements, bankers' acceptances of U.S. banks, and mutual funds composed of investments as outlined above. The Township has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices.

Concentration of Credit Risk – The Township places no limit on the amount the district may invest in any one issuer.



# TOWNSHIP OF BLAINE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2006

			Gene	eral Fur	nd		
	 Original Budget		Final Budget		Actual		Over (Under) Budget
REVENUES:							
Property taxes	\$ 28,800	\$	28,800	\$	21,372	\$	(7,428)
State revenue sharing	33,000		33,000		35,186		2,186
Charges for services							
Property tax administration	10,300		10,300		10,844		544
Other charges	1,600		1,600		950		(650)
Interest	3,500		3,500		4,005		505
Rents	2,800		2,800		3,160		360
Miscellaneous	 				299		299
TOTAL REVENUES	 80,000		80,000		75,816		(4,184)
EXPENDITURES:							
Legislative:							
Township Board	6,350		6,350		6,131		219
General government:							
Supervisor	4,050		4,050		4,034		16
Elections	2,300		2,300		861		1,439
Assessor	8,200		8,200		8,124		76
Attorney Fees							
Clerk	6,100		6,100		6,111		(11)
Board of Review	1,100		1,100		800		300
Treasurer	8,200		8,200		8,071		129
Building and grounds	5,000		5,000		4,049		951
Cemetery	4,850		4,850		9,106		(4,256)
Public safety:							
Fire protection	32,909		32,909		32,806		103
Public Works:							
Highways and streets	 480		480		236		244
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	 79,539		79,539		80,329		(790)
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	 461		461		(4,513)		(4,974)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES): Operating transfers in	 				707		707
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER							
SOURCES OVER(UNDER)		_			/a	4	
EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	\$ 461	\$	461		(3,806)	\$	(4,267)
FUND BALANCE, beginning of year					154,923		
FUND BALANCE, end of year				\$	151,117		



#### TOWNSHIP OF BLAINE CURRENT TAX COLLECTION FUND STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2006

	Balance 4/1/05		Additions		Deductions		Balance 3/31/06	
ASSETS								
Cash in bank	\$	8,273	\$	874,073	\$	875,316	\$	7,030
LIABILITIES								
Due to other funds Due to other taxing units	\$	8,273	\$	32,039 842,034	\$	33,282 842,034	\$	7,030
Total Liabilities	\$	8,273	\$	874,073	\$	874,073	\$	7,030



August 28, 2006

To the Township Board Township of Blaine

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Township of Blaine for the year ended March 31, 2006, we considered its internal control in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control. However, we noted certain matters involving internal control and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to deficiencies in the design or operation of internal control that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Township of Blaine's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements.

Our study and evaluation of internal control disclosed no conditions that we believe to be material weaknesses for which corrective action by management is practicable in the circumstances.

#### General Ledger

Currently, the Clerk records transactions for all funds within the same general ledger. Then for the audit we break out the different funds. The Clerk should maintain a general ledger for each fund separately.

#### **Budgeting**

The Township has complied with the spirit of P.A. 621, Budgeting, but has expended more than the budgeted amount in certain categories. The Township may amend the budget throughout the year for any unforeseen expenditures.

#### **Investment Policy**

Governmental Accounting Standards Board has issued Statement #40, *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures*, which was effective for the March 31, 2006 annual financial statements. The objective of this statement is to update the custodial credit risk disclosure requirements and to establish more comprehensive disclosure requirements addressing other common risks of the deposits and investments of state and local governments. This statement requires a brief description of the deposit or investment policies that are related to the risks that GASB 40 requires to be disclosed, including Custodial Credit Risk, Concentration of Credit Risk, Interest Rate Risk and Foreign Currency Risk.

Although GASB 40 does not specifically require an Investment Policy, governmental units will certainly want to consider adopting an updated policy. You will need to disclose in your annual audit footnotes:

- the government's investment policy for any specific type of risk to which the Township is exposed, or
- the fact that your Township has no investment policy that addresses the specific type of risk to which the Township is exposed.

The Township is generally conservative minded when investing its excess deposits, but a policy which defines that risk level of the Township will protect its investments.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Township Board, management, and the Michigan Department of treasury and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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